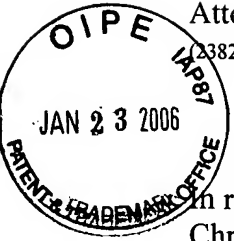


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For: ADJUSTABLE HANDLE ASSEMBLY

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

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Dear Commissioner:

In response to the Advisory Action of December 7, 2005, Applicants submit this Request for Reconsideration. Applicants thank Supervisory Examiner Brian Glessner for the telephone interview held December 21, 2005, and for directing Applicants to file this Request for Reconsideration.

On November 22, 2005, Applicants filed a Reply to the Final Office Action of September 22, 2005. In the Reply to Final Office Action, amendments were made to the claims in accordance with instructions provided by Examiner Carlos Lugo during an Examiner Interview held November 3, 2005. The amendments made were minor in nature, not directed to structural aspects of the device, and only made to address a clarification issue for the Examiner. Applicants believed that the claims were allowable in their form prior to the interview, but nevertheless made the amendments as they were minor clarifying amendments, and the Examiner indicated during the interview that the claims would be allowable with the amendments. However, instead of entering the amendments and allowing the claims, the amendments were not entered, and an Advisory Action was sent to Applicants stating that the amendments raised new issues.

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Applicants disagree that the claim amendments raise new issues and hereby request reconsideration of the Examiner's decision not to enter the amendments to the claims.

Applicants further submit that the amended claims are patentably distinct from the cited prior art.

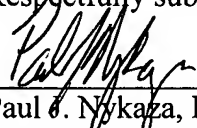
Applicants request that the amendments be entered and that the claims be allowed.

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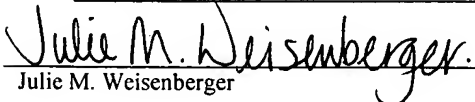
Applicants submit the application is in condition for allowance. Such allowance is respectfully requested. The Examiner is also requested to contact the undersigned if the Examiner has any questions concerning this Request or if it will expedite the progress of this application.

Dated: January 19, 2006

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